

House Bill 1167

By: Representatives Butler of the 18<sup>th</sup> and Borders of the 175<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To amend Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to offenses against public health and morals, so as to repeal the misdemeanor of tattooing near the eye unless performed by a licensed physician; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to offenses against public health and morals, is amended by repealing in its entirety Code Section 16-12-5, relating to tattooing any person near his or her eye, which reads as follows:

"16-12-5.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'tattoo' means to mark or color the skin of any person by pricking in, inserting, or implanting pigments, except when performed by a physician licensed as such pursuant to Chapter 34 of Title 43.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to tattoo the body of any person within any area within one inch of the nearest part of the eye socket of such person. Any person who violates this Code section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor."

**SECTION 2.**

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

**SECTION 3.**

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.